

That which is claimed:

1. A system for providing memorial information about a deceased party interred at a cemetery location comprising:

(A) a memory device affixed to a physical object positioned at the cemetery location, the memorial information residing on the memory device; and

(B) a portable memory reading device, separate from the memory device, that retrieves the memorial information from the memory device when positioned at the cemetery location and communicates the memorial information to a party located at the cemetery location.

2. The system of claim 1 wherein, the memory device comprises a contact memory device.

3. The system of claim 1 wherein, the memory device comprises a programmable read only memory device.

4. The system of claim 1 wherein, the memory device is permanently affixed to the physical object.

5. The system of claim 1 wherein, the physical object comprises a stationary physical object.

6. The system of claim 1 wherein, the memory device comprises a weather resistant memory device.

20 7. The system of claim 1 wherein, the information resides on the memory device
in extensible markup language format.

8. The system of claim 1 wherein, said information resides on the memory device in hypertext markup language format.

9. A system for providing historical information about a historically notable location comprising:

(A) a memory device affixed to a physical object positioned at the historically notable location, the historical information residing on the memory device; and

(B) a portable memory reading device, separate from the memory device, that retrieves the historical information from the memory device when positioned at the historically notable location and communicates the historical information to a party located at the historically notable location.

10. The system of claim 9 wherein, the memory device comprises a contact memory device.

11. The system of claim 9 wherein, the memory device comprises a programmable read only memory device.

12. The system of claim 9 wherein, the memory device is permanently affixed to the physical object.

13. The system of claim 9 wherein, the physical object comprises a stationary physical object.

20 14. The system of claim 9 wherein, the memory device comprises a weather resistant memory device.

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15. The system of claim 9 wherein, the historical information resides on the memory device in extensible markup language format.

16. The system of claim 9 wherein, the historical information resides on the memory device in hypertext markup language format.

5 17. The system of claims 1 or 9 further comprising:

(C) a database wherein the memorial information or historical information residing on the memory device is replicated; and

wherein the memory device is uniquely associated with an identifying code.

10 18. The system of claim 17 wherein, the replicated information may be accessed upon receipt of the identifying code by the database.

19. The system of claim 18 wherein, the replicated information is accessed through an internet.

20. The system of claim 18 wherein, the replicated information is accessed through a telephone network.

15 21. The system of claim 17 wherein, the database is communicably connected to the memory device.

22. The system of claim 21, wherein the communicable connection is a permanent communicable connection.

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23. The system of claim 21 wherein, the replicated information may be revised at the database, and wherein the revised replicated information may be communicated from the database to the memory device via the communicable connection.

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24. A method for providing information related to a remote location, the information comprising memorial information about a deceased party where the remote location comprises a cemetery location, and the information comprises historical information about the remote location where the remote location comprises a historically notable location, comprising:

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(A) storing the information on a memory device, the information being stored in a format that can be retrieved from the memory device and displayed to a party with a portable memory reading device, separate from the memory device, when the portable memory reading device is in close proximity to the memory device; and

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(B) affixing the memory device to a physical object positioned at the remote location.

25. The method of claim 24, comprising the additional step of:

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(C) replicating the information stored on the memory device in a database.

26. The method of claim 25, comprising the additional step of:

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(D) revising the replicated information at the database, and communicating the revised replicated information to the memory device over a communicable connection between the database and the memory device.

27. The method of claim 25, comprising the additional step of:

(E) providing the replicated information over a communications medium upon receipt by the database of an identifying code, the identifying code being uniquely associated with the memory device having the information stored thereon.

28. A system for providing information related to a geographically remote location comprising:

(A) a memory device affixed to a physical object at the remote location, the information residing on the memory device; and

(B) a portable memory reading device, separate from the memory device, that retrieves the information from the memory device when positioned at the remote location and communicates the information to a party located at the remote location.

29. The system of claim 28 wherein, the memory device comprises a contact memory device.

15 30. The system of claim 28 wherein, the memory device comprises a
programmable read only memory device.

31. The system of claim 28 wherein, the memory device comprises a weather resistant memory device.

32. The system of claim 28 wherein, the information resides on the memory device in extensible markup language format.

33. The system of claim 28 wherein, the information resides on the memory device in hypertext markup language format.

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34. The system of claim 28 further comprising:

(C) a database wherein the information residing on the memory device is replicated; and

5 wherein the memory device is uniquely associated with an identifying code.

35. The system of claim 34 wherein, the replicated information may be accessed upon receipt of the identifying code by the database.

36. The system of claim 35 wherein, the replicated information is accessed through an internet.

10 37. The system of claim 35 wherein, the replicated information is accessed through a telephone network.

38. The system of claim 34 wherein, the database is communicably connected to the memory device.

15 39. The system of claim 38 wherein, the communicable connection is a permanent communicable connection.

40. The system of claim 38 wherein, the replicated information may be revised at the database, and wherein the revised replicated information may be communicated from the database to the memory device via the communicable connection.

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